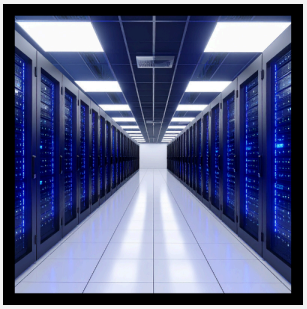
Michigan Township INSIGHTS

Aug. 21, 2026

FREE MTA-member townships webinar explores data center zoning ordinance



MTA is hosting a **free** MTA-member townships-only webinar, *Data Center Zoning Ordinance: The Next Step,* on **Wednesday, Aug. 26** at noon. MTA Legal Counsel Robert Thall will go through the sample data center zoning ordinance ***(available early next week)*** and provide practical insights into key considerations surrounding data center development. You don't want to miss this review of MTA's new sample ordinance and what you need to know for your township. **Register today** for this MTA-member townships-only event. *(Note: The sample ordinance will be shared with all MTA-member townships via eblast when available; you do not need to register for the webinar to receive the ordinance.)*

Treasury updates Public Safety Revenue Sharing FAQs

For townships receiving Public Safety Revenue Sharing grants, the state Department of Treasury released updated guidance through their Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the grant program. The grants were authorized in both the state's fiscal year 2026 and 2027 budget to assist townships, cities, villages and counties reduce violent crimes in communities across the state. Distributions to townships, cities and villages are based on each local unit's share of violent crime counts as certified by the Michigan Department of State Police. For townships, cities and villages, the FY 2026 payments were received in May 2026.



Updates to property tax exemption forms and FAQs

Updates to the forms and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) relating to the Commercial Facilities, Commercial Rehabilitation and Solar Energy Facilities Exemption





UPCOMING MTA TRAINING

Aug. 26: FREE MTA Q&A Webinar Data Center Zoning Ordinance: The Next Step *(open to MTA-member townships only)*

Sept. 9: Emerging Issues in EMS Services workshop, Frankenmuth

Sept. 16: *Now You Know* lunchtime webinar Poll Position: Practical Primer for Election Season

September & October Regional Meetings & UP North Summit:
- **Sept. 22**, Bay City
- **Sept. 23**, Jackson
- **Sept. 29-30**, Harris
- **Oct. 7**, Thompsonville
- **Oct. 8**, Spring Lake
- **Oct. 13**, Gaylord

programs were recently released by the State Tax Commission (STC). The updated forms—*Application for Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate* (Form 4757), *Application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate* (Form 4507), *Application for Solar Energy Facility Exemption Certificate* (Form 6052) and the *Solar Energy Facilities Exemption Annual Report* (Form 6209)—are located on STC's "Property Tax Exemption" webpage.

Townships: Now is a great time to launch your MiUI account

As the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency continues its transition to the new MiUI system, townships do not need to wait for a mailed notice to get started. MiUI University provides step-by-step guidance on where to find your township's activation code, and how to initiate your account and give access to a third-party administrator, if the township uses one. All employers, including townships, must launch their account by Nov. 9 when the full functionality of the MiUI system goes live, and the MiWAM system will no longer be available.

STC bulletins on assessor certification requirements, qualified business update, interest rates

The State Tax Commission (STC) approved the following bulletins of interest to township officials and assessors:

- Bulletin 7 of 2026: Random Week for Qualified Business
- Bulletin 8 of 2026: 2nd Quarter Certified Interest Rates
- Bulletin 9 of 2026: Assessor Certification Level Requirements for 2028
- Bulletin 10 of 2026: Assessor Certification Requirements to Recertify for 2028

For 2028 recertification, Michigan certified, advanced and master assessing officers must complete 16 hours of continuing education (CE) from Nov. 1, 2026 to Oct. 31, 2027, plus the 2027 *STC Updates* course. Eight CE hours may be completed online. Certified assessing technicians must complete four CE hours OR the *STC Updates* course. The recertification fee deadline is Dec. 31, 2027. A list of approved CE courses will be available on the STC website after the September 2026 STC meeting.



EGLE Drinking Water Lab changes

Townships that utilize the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Drinking



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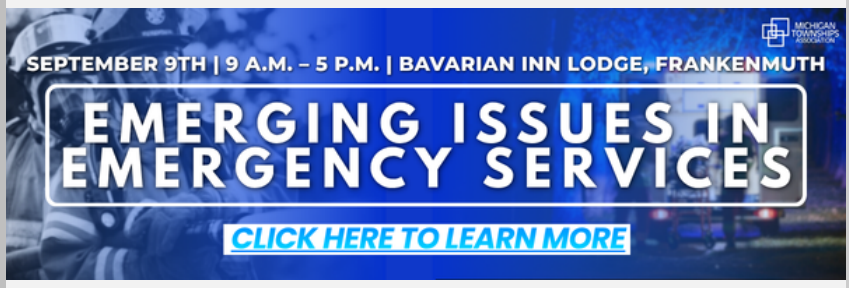
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Water Laboratory for water testing will notice an increase in fees and the rollout of a new reporting system on Oct. 1. The new Laboratory Information Management System will increase information available throughout the testing process, including confirmation and shipment notification emails for sample containers, an easier-to-read test result report format, a paperless result option, and expedited notification of results that exceed contaminant limits.

Free 'Gravel Road Basics' in-person training

A free, in-person training opportunity, hosted by the Center for Technology Training (CTT) at Michigan Technological University, is designed to help township officials and staff improve management decisions for gravel roads. Instructors will cover construction basics, maintenance methods, drainage systems and best practices for gravel road management. "Gravel Road Basics for Decision-makers" will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at the Charlotte West Side Fire Station, in the City of Charlotte (Eaton Co.), from 9 a.m. to noon, with lunch provided. Registration is required and must be completed no later than Sept. 14. Email ctt@mtu.edu with questions about this class or future CTT training opportunities.



2026 'I Voted' sticker winners announced



The nine winners of Michigan's 2026 “I voted” sticker design competition were announced this week. Winners were selected from more than 2,000 entries in three participant categories: elementary/middle school, high school and general. Judges narrowed entries to 30 finalists for each category, which received more than 53,000 votes from the public. The winning designs, which clerks may order for the November election, can be viewed on the contest webpage.

MTA's September *Now You Know* live webinar reviews election FAQs

Election questions? MTA can help! No question is too election-y at our next live *Now You Know* webinar—*Poll Position: Practical Primer for Election Season*—held Sept. 16 at noon. We'll review the rules surrounding campaigning during absent voter ballot processing, early voting and Election Day, the differences between township-owned and private property, and clear the confusion on who can serve

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